

HOUSE BILL 2227
By Buck

AN ACT to designate a certain segment of U.S. Highway 70S in Cannon County as the "Purple Heart Highway".

WHEREAS, Since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces and many continue this proud legacy of service today, nobly defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, This meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, From Valley Forge to Kuwait, to the present war-torn lands of Bosnia, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families; and

WHEREAS, The intrepid and valiant men and women of the United States continue to inspire our confidence, loyalty and support; and

WHEREAS, The Purple Heart is an honor bestowed upon members of the United States Armed Forces who have been injured in battle; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that this General Assembly, on behalf of the citizens of Cannon County and this state, should permanently recognize and honor those courageous men and women whose patriotic sacrifices in time of war have preserved the blessed freedom we enjoy and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Cannon County Commission has expressed a desire to name a certain segment of U.S. Highway 70S to honor our combat-wounded military veterans who have kept our nation free for over two hundred years; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly has always endeavored to honor the wishes of local governments on matters of local concern whenever it has been feasible to do so; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, that segment of U.S. Highway 70S (State Route 1) in Cannon County from the eastern corporate limits of the City of Woodbury to the Cannon County - Warren County boundary is hereby designated the "Purple Heart Highway" to honor Cannon County's many heroic combat-wounded military veterans.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of U.S. Highway 70S (State Route 1) in Cannon County as the "Purple Heart Highway".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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